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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/7/2007

SPONSOR Sandoval LAST UPDATED _____ HB 897

SHORT TITLE Math, Engineering & Science Program SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$211.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Related to SB 424.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 897 appropriates \$211,000 from the General Fund to the Regents of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NM Tech) for expenditure in FY 2008 for the following purposes:

- 1) \$25,000 to provide a one-week, in-depth- summer science of energy program for students in the southeast region of the state in conjunction with the Center for Environmental Monitoring at the Carlsbad Branch of NMSU, the Roswel Branch of ENMU, and the New Mexico Military Institute;
- 2) \$40,000 for a science and engineering summer course to prepare sophomores and juniors to succeed in related college classes;
- 3) \$20,000 to provide staff professional development in math, engineering, science, and technically related fields through classes, workshops and professional conferences; and
- 4) \$126,000 to expand the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program into seven new public schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$211,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico MESA, founded in 1982, is a nonprofit organization that is a part of a national initiative promoting educational enrichment for students that are underrepresented in higher education, based on a model that originated in 1970 at the University of California at Berkeley. The year-round program prepares students for careers in mathematics, engineering, science, and related fields and serves students statewide. MESA students receive enrichment experiences and practical assistance such as tutoring, career counseling, field trips, college visits, parent and leadership workshops, ACT and SAT preparation workshops, summer enrichment classes, and scholarship opportunities

According to PED, NM MESA has grown to provide thousands of middle, junior high and high school students with year-round support and career guidance. In the 2005-2006 school year, NM MESA served approximately 4,500 students in 96 schools and 31 school districts with 150 MESA Advisers. NM MESA is governed by a board composed of bipartisan legislative representation (both state and federal); representatives of local and national companies; secondary schools; state universities; et al. Financial support is provided by the State of New Mexico; numerous state and national corporations and foundations; federal agencies; and private donations.

This proposal for additional funding was not submitted by NM Tech to HED for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08. The Department recommends that this program be funded at the FY07 base recurring level of \$180,000, with no additional funding for FY08.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 897 appropriates \$261,000 from the General Fund to the Regents of NM Tech for expenditure in FY 2008 for expansion of the MESA program.

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